



## Easy

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### 1 End of Chain of Craters Road

Outstanding views of cliffs and windswept coast. In April 2003, lava flows covered the road. From the pavement's end, and when lava flows are in the area, longer hikes across rough rock may lead to views of the lava or steam. After sunset, distant views of lava or steam clouds may be possible. **Check with rangers for current lava conditions.** Great star gazing on clear nights.

■ **Distance:** 1.25 mi / 2.0 km round-trip

Prepare for hot, windy, and rainy weather. Bring water and food. Flashlights are essential after dark for each person. Volcanic fumes may be present in this area of the park. From the ranger station, the road continues as a pedestrian walkway accessible to wheelchairs and strollers.

### 2 Crater Rim Trail to Waldron Ledge

Enjoy forest bird songs and spectacular views of the Kīlauea Caldera from Waldron Ledge Overlook. The trail follows an old road that was closed to cars in 1983 after severe damage from an earth-wrenching magnitude 6.7 earthquake. The trail continues to Kīlauea Iki Crater.

■ **Distance:** 1 mi / 1.6 km round-trip

This section of trail includes some cracked and tilted sections. The first small overlook has a very steep descent, but the larger Waldron Ledge Overlook is wheelchair accessible. Bicycles are permitted on this paved trail.

### 3 Sulphur Banks Trail (Ha'akulamānu)

See where volcanic gases deposited colorful sulfur crystals and other minerals that paint the land along this paved trail and boardwalk.

■ **Distance from Kīlauea Visitor Center:**  
0.6 mi / 1.2 km round-trip

■ **Distance from Steam Vents parking area:**  
 0.8 mi / 1.3 km round-trip

Due to sulfur fumes, people with heart or breathing problems, pregnant women, and young children should avoid this trail. Stay on the trail; beware of steam and earth cracks. From the Kīlauea Visitor Center, trail grades are eight to twelve percent. Wheelchair accessible from Steam Vents to Sulphur Banks.

### 4 Devastation Trail

Stroll on a paved path through a starkly beautiful landscape that was buried by cinders from the 1959 Kīlauea Iki fountain eruption. Witness life returning to this once devastated area.

■ **Distance:** 1 mi / 1.6 km round-trip

The paved trail between Pu'u Pua'i and Devastation has grades greater than eight percent. Endangered nēnē (Hawaiian geese) frequent this area, so take care when parking. Do not feed nēnē. The nearest restrooms are located at the Thurston Lava Tube.



### 5 Kīpukapuāulu

Enjoy a treasure trove of Hawaiian plants and birds in this over 4,000 year old closed canopy forest. The original trail was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s.

■ **Distance:** 1.2 mi / 2 km loop

Shady loop trail has somewhat drier conditions than rain forest trails. Restrooms are available nearby at the picnic area.



**Self-Guiding Trail:** Pick-up a trail guide at the trailhead or at Kīlauea Visitor Center and Jaggar Museum. Stops along this trail reveal a culturally significant hot spot of biological diversity.



## Easy to Moderate

### 6 'Iliahi Trail

Find 'Iliahi (sandalwood) along this beautiful rainforest trail. Feel the heat from active steam vents and peer across the fuming Kīlauea summit caldera while enjoying the comforts of this mostly shady loop trail.

■ **Distance:** 1.5 mi / 2.4 km loop

This trail combines the Halema'uma'u, Crater Rim or Sulphur Banks Trails. Beware of cliffs, cracks, and steam.

### 7 Pu'u Loa Petroglyphs Trail

Walk in the footsteps of the kūpuna (elders) to Pu'u Loa (hill of long life)—a sacred and awe-inspiring gallery of petroglyphs. These simple etchings document the life and culture of the native Hawaiian people and cradle the piko (umbilical cord) of their children—brought with hopes of receiving the blessings of a long and prosperous life.

■ **Distance:** 1.4 mi / 2.4 km round-trip

Take water and prepare for hot, rainy, and windy weather. Volcanic fumes are often present in this area. The nearest restrooms are at the end of the Chain of Craters Road. Protect these precious petroglyphs by not walking on them.



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## 8 Pu'u Huluhulu



Experience lava landscapes from the 1969 – 1974 Mauna Ulu flows. Walk by lava trees and climb 210 ft / 64 m to the top of a forested cinder cone, Pu'u Huluhulu (hairy hill). View Mauna Ulu's immense steaming shield, which is similar to the now active Pu'u 'Ō'ō cone in the distance.



■ **Distance:** 2.5 mi / 4 km round-trip



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# Moderate to Challenging



## 9 Kilauea Iki Trail

Descend through lush rain forest to the floor of the solid, but still steaming Kilauea Iki crater lava lake. Peer into the 1959 vent below Pu'u Pua'i cinder cone.

■ **Distance:** 4 mi / 6.4 km loop



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Prepare for hot, windy, and rainy weather. Bring water and food. Steep, rocky 400 ft (122 m) stairstep descent into the crater with a switchback trail up the other side. Take care at cliff edges and cracks.



# Challenging

## 10 Crater Rim Trail

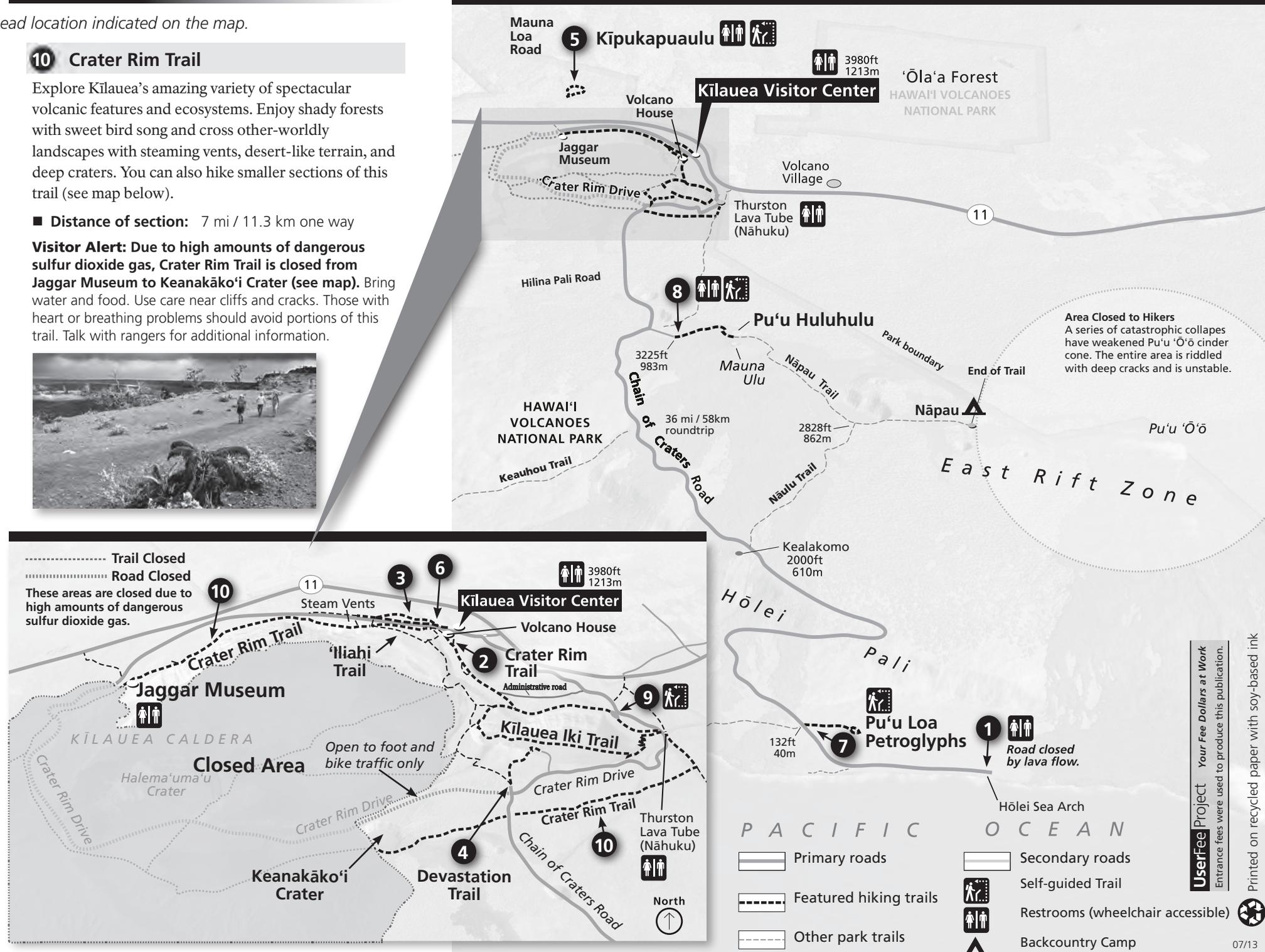
Explore Kilauea's amazing variety of spectacular volcanic features and ecosystems. Enjoy shady forests with sweet bird song and cross other-worldly landscapes with steaming vents, desert-like terrain, and deep craters. You can also hike smaller sections of this trail (see map below).

■ **Distance of section:** 7 mi / 11.3 km one way

**Visitor Alert:** Due to high amounts of dangerous sulfur dioxide gas, Crater Rim Trail is closed from Jaggar Museum to Keanakāko'i Crater (see map). Bring water and food. Use care near cliffs and cracks. Those with heart or breathing problems should avoid portions of this trail. Talk with rangers for additional information.



# Trails Map



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